

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Hale House Inventory Number: BA-2054

Address: 16913 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Booby G. Widener

Tax Parcel Number: 175 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property consists of a 2½-story frame vernacular house with multiple additions. The original block is a side-gabled house with two brick interior chimneys. a one-story commercial addition is located on the north side of the building and there is an enclosed front entry porch. The building has wood double-hung sash (2/2 lights) windows and a fixed display window in the commercial addition. Other alterations and additions include awnings and a detached sign pole.

According to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1980, the original block was constructed in ca. 1844. During the nineteenth century, the house was part of a working farm and in the twentieth century it had a mixed commercial and residential use. The house retains little of its original integrity and appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <u>11/16/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <u>6/29/01</u>

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2054

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hale House

other Bob's Auto

### 2. Location

street and number 16913 York Road not for publication

city, town Monkton vicinity

county Baltimore

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Booby G. Widener

street and number 16913 York Road telephone

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-175

city, town Towson liber 7066 folio 127

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

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## 7. Description

Inventory No. BA-2054

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☒ altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates 1844-1950

Architect

Construction dates 1844

Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Continuation Sheet

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 22,302 sq. ft.

Acreage of historical setting 22,302 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, parcel 175.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian

organization URS/Dames & Moore

date 09/07/2000

street and number 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700

telephone 301-652-221

city or town Bethesda

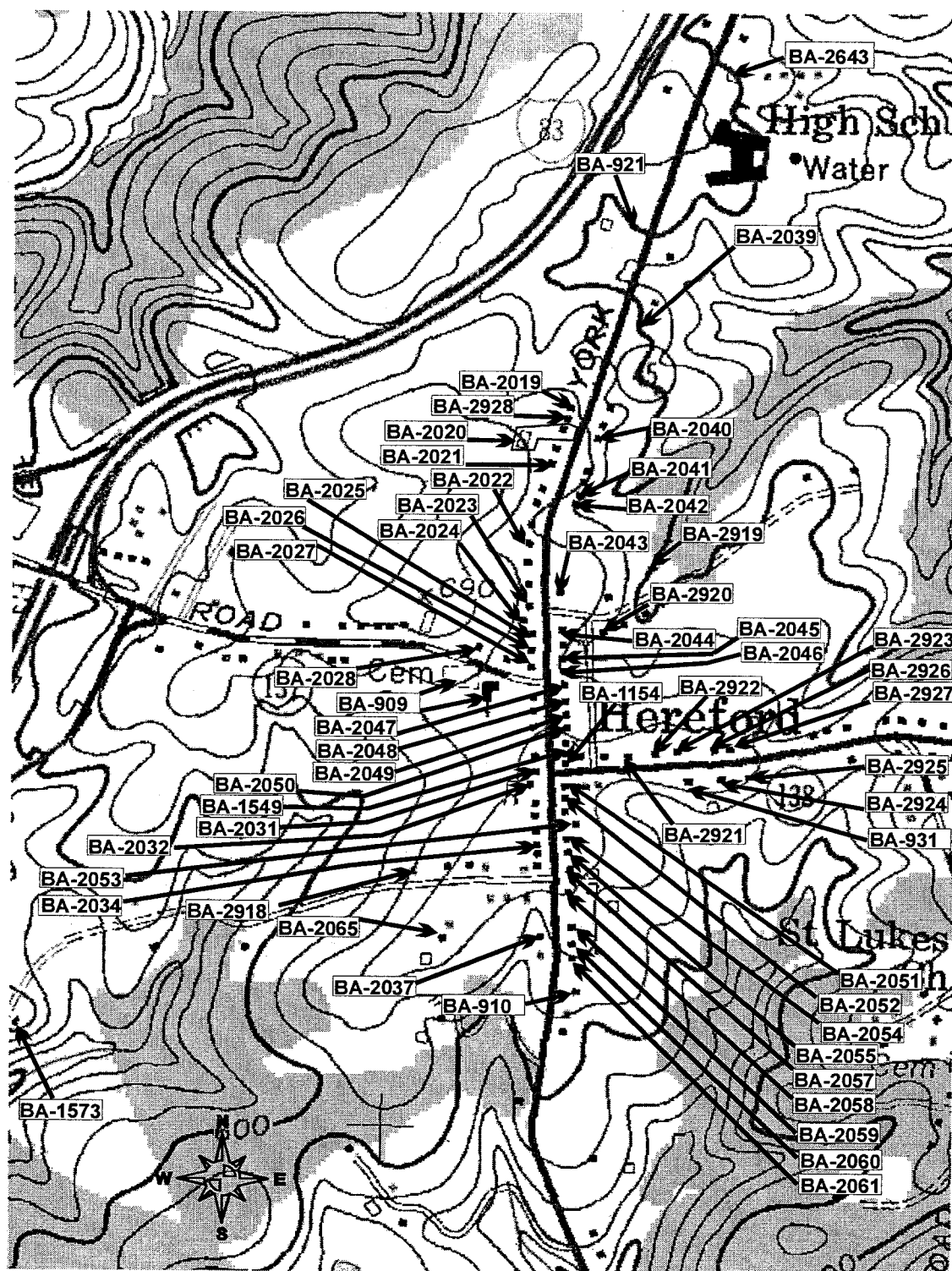
state MD

zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600





BOB'S

AUTO  
SALES

USED CARS



BA-2054

1/1

Hale House

Bob's Auto

16913 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Hale House, to the east.

09.06.00

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044

BA 2054

HALE HOUSE/ BOB'S AUTO

c1844

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

One of the original frame houses of the 19th Century village survives as a sales room for used cars and trucks; a very plain vernacular style structure of two storeys in frame and clapboard has been amplified with a one-story office addition with a mixture of display windows. The house was set close to the road to maximize its original three acres for agricultural use. A house probably existed shortly after Thomas Hale began to pay ground rent in 1843. The Hale house is shown in the 1850 map by J.C. Sidney. The house passed through various assignments and was owned among others by W. Foster, listed as a carpenter in the 1878 state business directory. Rachel Fell, shown as owner in the 1876 tax ledger, owned \$1000 worth of stock in trade, suggesting that the house also served as a store. S. Howard Miller, a blacksmith, bought the place in 1924 and operated a gas station on the lot to the south. In 1951, this house lot became detached from the larger parcel, where there was an Esso gas station.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC HALE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Bob's Auto

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16,913 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William E. and Ada M. Maseth

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 3578

Folio #: 454

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hale House is a very plain vernacular structure of frame and clapboard, three bays wide, two bays deep, two stories high, with a one-story office and shop addition tacked onto the north end. Only the second-story windows provide any clues as to the original appearance of this building before it was ruined for the purposes of marketing used trucks. The three windows of the main facade, as well as those on the gable ends, are 2-over-2 double-hung sash windows of generous proportions. The first story bays are lost in the added office space which incorporates a plate-glass window, an office door, and a 15-light display or shop window, and a wide expanse of unfenestrated clapboarding.

The main block has a gable roof covered with bluish rubber or asphalt material in good condition. One inside end-chimney with a corbelled cap rises at the north end. The plain roof eaves overhang at the gable ends. There are no attic windows.

This house has a frame rear wing flush with the north end of the main block. The side yard is not accessible. Even on weekends, it is not possible to photograph the main facade for the accumulation of used trucks, tractors, and other vehicles that stand between the house and the edge of the public highway.

Foundation is stone.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1844

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This old frame house was set close to the turnpike road to preserve its three acres of space for agricultural purposes. A ground rent was established here in 1843 when Henry M. Merryman, a large local landowner, leased this lot to Thomas Hale. Hale is shown on the 1850 map by J. C. Sidney. (1) A later deed provides the recitation of assignments of the house: William Rowe, 1850; Erastus Cole, 1862; James H. Boyd, 1865; Margaret M. Stewart, 1867; Frances M. Mather, 1868; William Foster, in 1869, and Edwin Heffner, Jr. in 1870. (2) The only person in this series of residents who can be found in the 1878 business directory is W. Foster, listed as a carpenter. (3)

This seems to be the C. Fell house shown in the 1877 atlas, although the main street of Hereford is crowded with names. In 1882, Henry N. Merryman sold his interest in the ground rent to Mary A. Fell, owner of the dwelling; this deed mentioned the adjoining tracts as the Academy Lot and J. O. Jessop's. (4)

The property came into the hands of Rachel Fell who had been found in the 1876 tax ledger with \$1000 worth of "Stock in Trade" and a carriage. The 1878 State Business Directory had listed her under General Merchandise. Angeline Marsh bought the Fell property in 1890 and mortgaged the place; she died in 1901 and testimony in a subsequent suit revealed that one of her sons, John George Marsh had not been heard from in 15 years—he had enlisted in the army and came home for one week and then went off without notice. Andrew Marsh, age thirty, testified, "I work around by the day." Of the house, Andrew said, "It is very much out of repair and needs considerable money spent on it." The 1896 tax ledger called it a frame house (\$650) and there were then a stable and outbuildings worth but \$60. (5) At the public sale, Tego T. Bull bought the three acres, three roods and in 1906 sold to John T. Divens. The 1918 tax ledger gave dimensions of the house as 14 x 20 and 16 x 22 (two stories); there were also two outbuildings. (6)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(continued)

John T. Diven, widower, sold to S. Howard Miller and wife in 1924. Miller was the local blacksmith in the 1915 business directory, and in 1926 he made the transition to the motor age and opened a gas station south of the former Diven house. (7) In 1930, Emory C. Leight became owner, followed in 1936 by Fred E. Wilhelm, in 1944 by Thomas E. Neuberger, in 1946 by Michael J. Wheeler, then Forrest John Sheffield, then James S. Norris, and in 1951 by Stewart C. Nicholson; in 1951, the gas station became detached from the residential property by leasing it to the Standard Oil Company (then using the name ESSO). (8) The property came into the hands of the present owners, William E. and Ada M. Maseth in 1959. The house is the office of a used car business, Bob's Auto, and the view of the house is almost always obscured by parked vehicles and trucks.

## NOTES:

1. B. City Deeds, AWB 351:228.
2. B. County Deeds, EHA 69:452.
3. Maryland Directory, J. Frank Lewis & Co. (Baltimore, 1878), p. 530.
4. B.C. Deeds, WMI 131:329.
5. Judicial Records, WPC 200:463, 465, 469, 474-478.
6. District 6-7 Tax Ledger, 1918, f. 483.
7. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1034. Also, 1923, District 7 Tax Ledger, f. 633.
8. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2070:372.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

HALE HOUSE

Baltimore County Tax Ledgers, 1876, 1896, 1911, 1918, 1923;  
1928-40; 1940-46 (Towson Courthouse).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.678

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

S85° 50'E	186. feet	S4° 55'W	82.86 feet on York
S4° 55'W	144.14 feet		Road to the BG.
S85° 50'E	473. feet 5 in.		
N7° 23'E	281. feet		
N87° 5'W	486. feet		
S72° 45'W	125. feet		

Westerly 69 feet to eastside of York Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

February 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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YORK, PA. 24 MI.

40° 35'

YORK, PA. 24 MI.  
PARKTON 1.2 MI.

900 000 FEET

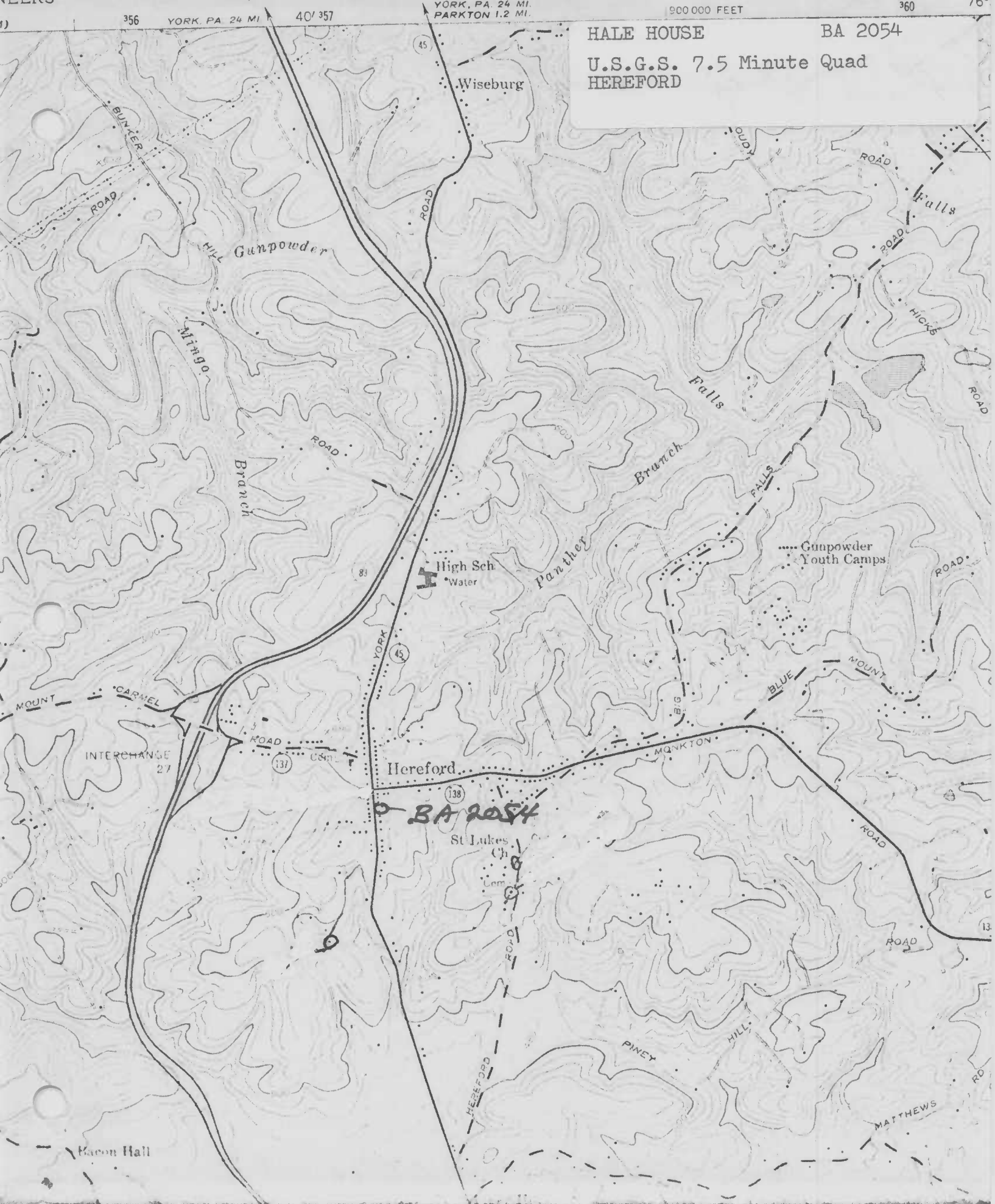
360

76°

HALE HOUSE

BA 2054

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD





HALE HOUSE, BA 2054  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, MAR 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main facade (W) & north gable end



HALE HOUSE

BA 2054

Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, OCT 1980

Neg. located at MHT

Main (W) and north facades